

MATERIAL IS SCARCE IN MINOR ORGANIZATIONS

Major League Managers are in Despair Because of this Condition--Who are Best All-Around Players--All Stars Have Weak Points.

It is safe to number the men and boys now playing baseball in the United States at 1,000,000, yet major league managers are in desperation because of the scarcity of players in the minor leagues who are displaying major-league calibre.

Few managers of the big leagues are satisfied with the material on the team, and there is a continual search for young men to fill the vacancies left either by the passing of old players or the replacement of others who have failed to make good.

A ballplayer's requisites are so many that the finding of a youngster lacking even in only two or three is rare. It is indeed rare that a player in the minor leagues be considered perfect. Still there are many whose deficiencies are so light that it is almost critical to make mention of them.

The really grand ballplayers to-day are Chance, Wagner, Wallace, Lajoie and Chase. These men think for themselves and make the most of every opportunity while on the field or at bat, and especially when an opponent makes a mistake. All are good hitters, excellent fielders, possess fine throwing arms, are full of inside baseball and lead their respective teams to victory by their dazzling generalship.

Chance and Wagner are the best base stealers in the game. Their presence on the bases is a source of continual worry to their opponents. Chase and Lajoie are good base stealers, but they fall short of being in a class with Chance and Wagner. Wallace seldom attempts the daring act.

Which One Is Best? To judge which of these men is the best ballplayer would be circumstantial. Besides there are a large number of men now playing in the major leagues who are just as valuable to their respective clubs as any of these men could be. Indeed it would seem that neither of the men mentioned or any other could be of more value to the Browns at present than Wallace.

Chance, Chase and Lajoie could not fill the vacancy that Wallace would leave. Wagner is a great shortstop and excels Wallace in base stealing and hitting, but as a pivot for the Browns' infield Lajoie could not be displaced.

Comiskey acknowledges that Chase is a better first baseman than Doney, but yet the big boss would not exchange Jiggs for Chase. Turner, Cleveland's great short fielder, has played with Lajoie so long that it would be bad policy to displace him for another man, though he may be a better hitter and base stealer.

There are players who for a while shine so brilliantly that their playing dazzles the entire circuit, only to experience a slump later and they may never play the same again. But Wallace and Chance are steady. Lajoie and Chase are in the game every day, year in and year out.

Stars Who Are Weak. A partial list of the players who are stars who have weak points may be classified as follows: George Stone has an inferior throwing arm and has still to prove himself a demon on the bases; Elbert Fisk cannot cover much territory as Wallace, Wagner or Turner; Fielder Jones, of the Sox, is only an average hitter, and cannot steal bases or equal Fisk as a run-getter, and so on.

All amateurs, especially those who have determined to make their living and success on the ballfield, should study their own faults. The great ballplayers can be seen every day. They can be watched closely, their actions can be studied, and they can be seen in their minds and presume in advance the next play, and after the play is made compare your presumption with the actual play. Remember what was done at critical stages, and when you are with your own analysis. Examine the component parts of the plays.

If you can throw, hit and run you are far from being a good ballplayer. The expression, "a good inside baseball player," means one who knows what to do and when to do it, both when his team is at bat or in the field. And that is what each youngster should learn--inside baseball.

The mechanical part of the game is all as easy as a child's play. Practice. Use your brain. Practice attacking bases, especially how to slide. Inability of batter to bunt at the right time has lost many games. Keep at it until the art has been mastered.

Bunting a Great Help. The good hitter who can bunt has a decided advantage over the batter who is not proficient in the art. A skillful bunter and sacrificer is a great value to any team and a well-placed bunt has scored many a run, and it runs that win games.

Quick thinking has won many games. Good judgment at critical moments makes great players and managers. Joe Cantillon, manager of the Washington Nationals, took the ever watchful Naps by surprise recently and won a game. Cantillon proved that two runs can be scored on a caught fly in one inning.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Co., Office of Secretary, Richmond, Va. Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company will be held at the office of the company in the city of Richmond, Va., on Wednesday, the 31st day of July, 1907, at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of considering the question of authorizing and consenting to such an issue of bonds may be made that the railway and property may be bonded, and that the bonded indebtedness of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company may be increased by said amount of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) par value, which said bonds are to be issued immediately upon the execution and delivery of said mortgage to the general purposes of the corporation, with full power to the directors to sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of said bonds for lawful corporate purposes upon such terms as to the directors may seem best.

The stock transfer books will be closed at the office of Messrs. J. O. Morgan & Company, No. 23 Wall Street, New York City, on Wednesday, the 31st day of July, 1907, at 3 o'clock P. M., and will be reopened on Thursday, the 1st day of August, 1907, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Dated the 26th day of June, 1907. By order of the President and Board of Directors: C. E. WELLS, Secretary.

WOMAN AS CHAMPION SWIMMER



WONDERFUL RECORD OF HONUS WAGNER

Great Pittsburgh Player Cracked Out Ten Hits in Two Games.

THE FEAT IS UNPARALLELED

It is something out of the ordinary for a ballplayer to make five hits during any game, and especially in that many times at bat. Many have played all their lives and have not secured five hits in a game. But Honus Wagner, of the Pirates, did it. "Well, I made five hits off so and so at one time and then retired."

But to make five hits twice in a season, or, to be exact, twice inside of a month, is a good record that few will ever boast of. But Honus Wagner, "the Flying Dutchman," of the Pirates, holds that record, and it is a question if it has ever been beaten--not to the writer's recollection during the past twenty years--the records will not produce them.

Wagner made his first five hits on May 13th, while Pittsburgh was playing at Boston, with Young, Dorner and Bouttes pitching. The big fellow cracked out a trio of singles, a double and home run, total nine bases, while his second quintet of hits was made in Pittsburgh against Stricklett, of Brooklyn, when he hammered out three singles, a double and triple, a total of eight bases.

When it is taken into consideration that but five players in the two major leagues, four in the National and one in the American, have made five hits in a game, it can be seen that Wagner's record stands very high.

The other two players in the National who have accomplished this feat are Seymour in a game against Boston, with Young, Pfeffer and Bouttes, the middle-fielder of the Giants cracked out two triples, a home run and two singles, making the season's record for twelve bases.

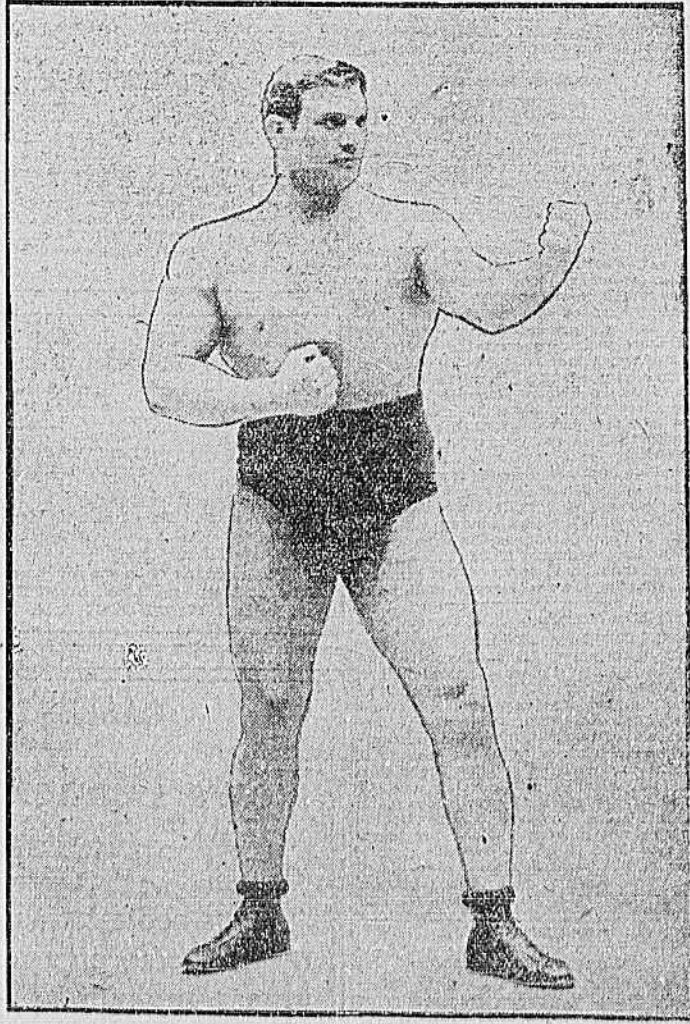
Lewis Turned Trick. Phil Lewis, the Pittsburgh boy who comes short for Brooklyn, is the other player who has made five hits in a game. This he accomplished against McGinnity and Wilkie in New York on June 2d. Phil made a pair of singles, the same number of doubles and one triple, a total of nine bases.

The only other player in the major leagues to accomplish this performance is Stovall, of Cleveland, who on the second day of the season, when Cleveland met Detroit, the Naps' first-sacker cracked out five singles against Willette and Jones.

Besides making five hits twice this season, Wagner has also four hits to his credit. On May 24th, when the Pittsburgh team was at St. Louis, against Beebe, Karger and Brown pitching, Wagner made three singles and a double, so that he not only leads the country in five hits in one game, but he has the distinction of being the only player who has made four hits three times. The nearest any one comes to the big German is Bates and Beaumont, of Boston, who have each made four hits twice; Lumley, of Brooklyn, who has twice made a quartet of hits, and Rhody Wallace, the Willamette "Scot," of St. Louis, who has also hit safely four times this season.

Bermuda Race a Fixture. NEW YORK, July 13.--Yacht racing between New York and Bermuda may now be regarded as an annual fixture. Notwithstanding a number of accidents in the last race, the young tars enjoyed the contest, and it will be renewed next year with a much larger number of entries. The Bermudans intend to build several new yachts with improved rigging, etc.

PROMISING HEAVYWEIGHT



JOE ROBERTS. In demand as a trainer, Tom O'Rourke's big wrestler and boxer is being sought by big men who are preparing for fights. Just now he is getting Jack Johnson ready to meet Rob Fitzsimmons.

MIS. LINA BRADENBURGER.

This St. Louis woman, fifty-seven years old and a grandmother, will compete with men in a ten-mile swimming race on the Mississippi River.

WOMAN ENTERS TEN-MILE SWIM

St. Louis Grandmother Will Have Men for Opponents in Race.

CLASSED AS AN EXPERT

Took Up Swimming Five Years Ago for Health--Now Perfectly at Home in Water.

ST. LOUIS, July 13.--A woman, and a grandmother at that, Mrs. Lina Bradenburger, of 4012 Cleveland Avenue, has entered for the ten-mile swimming race to be held October 2d on the Mississippi River under the auspices of the Missouri Athletic Club.

Mrs. Bradenburger, who is fifty-seven years old, the mother of six children, a well-known physician in this city, and also a grandmother, has been training faithfully for the event. Up to the present time she has done all her training in a natatorium, where she first learned to swim five years ago, but in a few days she will go to the Meramec River. Later Mrs. Bradenburger will tackle the Mississippi River itself for a swim of three or four miles.

Causes a Smile. When it was announced that a woman was to enter the race the trained athletes of the various athletic clubs about St. Louis smiled broadly. They thought some girl was seeking notoriety. But when they learned that the entry was a woman old enough to be the mother of the oldest of them they began to think.

Mrs. Bradenburger took up swimming five years ago, at the earnest advice of her family, because of her poor health. In a few lessons she had mastered the strokes, and soon developed into a swimmer of no mean attainment. She became one of the best swimmers at the natatorium.

When the ten-mile race, which is an annual affair with the Missouri Athletic Club, began to be talked about, Professor Muegge, who taught Mrs. Bradenburger swimming, urged her to enter. He told her that he believed that she could cover the course, and make it interesting for the male aspirants for honors.

"I can remain in the water for three or four hours without resting or feeling it too much of a strain, and, being able to do that, I know that I can finish the ten-mile swim without any trouble," says Mrs. Bradenburger. "I have not tried running water as yet."

"Since I took up swimming as an exercise I have increased my chest expansion by several inches, and I must say that now I am in the best of health, and feel more like twenty-five than fifty-seven years old."

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WHO IS REALLY THE CHAMPION?

No One Has Undisputed Claim to the Welterweight Honors.

JOE THOMAS IS CLAIMANT

NEW YORK, July 13.--The United States is practically without a welterweight champion, notwithstanding the fact that Joe Thomas, of California, claims the title. The title has really lapsed, because no fighter of prominence can make the weight, viz., 142 pounds. The alleged champions who have claimed it since the days when Joe Walcott was supreme in the class have outgrown the weight.

The limit--145 pounds--set for the match between Joe Thomas and Mike Sullivan, which was to have been fought in Denver, and later in San Francisco, is almost conclusively proof that one or the other, possibly both, of these men cannot get down to the weight of 142 pounds. There has, of course, always been a question whether either of them was ever the possessor of the title. Though both beat "Honey" Melody, there is no proof that they were at the weight when they did so. Thomas insists that in their first meeting in Massachusetts, when he knocked out Melody, he was under 142, but he did not weigh in publicly, nor before any reliable club official.

If fighters refuse to weigh in before unbiased witnesses, who is there to admit that their claims are valid? A few weeks ago Young Ernie and Johnny Summers fought under an agreement that provided that each must weigh 130 pounds at 3 o'clock. They said they did, but nobody except their managers saw them. Why, then, should any one accept the statement that they fought at the weight?

Joe Thomas and his manager, Harry Foley, insist that Melody was more than 145 when he beat Walcott. Yet, claims if he could get down to even 145 pounds. His claims are, consequently, ridiculous. Then as to Thomas. No one who has seen him believes that he can make 142. While in New York after the bout in Philadelphia with Melody, he weighed at 160. Although his manager made many offers to fight, and posted checks as forfeits, none of the offers were to meet real waterweights.

Always Above Weight. There was a time when Mike Sullivan could get under 142, as, for instance, when he fought Joe Gans in San Francisco; but there are reasons to believe that he cannot do so now. The ten-round match with Thomas that was to be given in Denver was to be at 145, and in Denver it is easier, on account of the altitude, to reduce than anywhere else in the country. Again, when he beat Melody in Los Angeles, the weight was 145. It is doubtful if he has been below 142 for a long time.

Of the other men who have claimed to be able to make the weight, such as Willie Lewis, Tommy Sullivan and Harry Lewis, little need be said. Willie Lewis now admits that 148 is his best, while Harry Lewis and Tommy Sullivan don't count. There are really only two good men in the class, Jimmy Gardner and Joe Gans. Gardner can do 135. Gans did 133 in the Nelson fight.

"Can he do it again?" was asked of a fight expert who saw him recently in Livmore. "If he does he will blow away in a breeze," was the answer. "Every man who saw that fight knows that Gans had weakened himself so much that he was not in condition and could not hit. Does any one believe that Nelson could have stood the blows had Gans been in condition?"

Foreign Auto Show. NEW YORK, July 13.--Official announcement is made that the automobile show for foreign cars will be held in Madison Square Garden the week beginning December 28th. The exhibition will be held under the auspices of the Importers' Automobile Salon.

The main floor will be devoted to electric and gasoline machines, the exhibition hall and basement to commercial wagons, and the galleries and concert hall to sundries and parts. European manufacturers will compete with American makers in the display of lamps, horns, and other accessories.

GREAT RESPECT FOR HACKENSCHMIDT

BY CARL FOX.

Frank Gotch is now in the best form of his career, and, in my opinion, can throw any other American with ease. He now weighs 230 pounds, yet is very fast. But for all that I believe that he will never win a Hackenschmidt. I know, and he knows, that the Russian Lion can down him in short order. In fact, I am confident that Hackenschmidt could take on Gotch, Jenkins, Parr, McLeod, Beell, Bouldin, Rooney, myself and all the other wrestlers now in America, and, starting in on Gotch, throw the whole bunch between 7 and 11 o'clock, with a brief rest between falls. That's how good I think Hackenschmidt is. He is alone in his class. Gotch may be strong, but Hackenschmidt would handle him like a baby.

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RECORDS LOOKED FOR IN COMING FOOT RACES

Cinder-Path Performers Are in Excellent Shape and New Marks Should be Established in Sept. Bonhag, Sheppard and Haskins Will Run

NEW YORK, July 13.--Some great cinder-path struggles will be witnessed in August and September. The runners seem to monopolize the chance of new records in preference to the sprinters. Men like Charles Parsons, N. J. Cartmell and Dan Kelly can hardly hope to displace the existing figures in the 220-yard events. At the quarter-mile the record possibilities begin to show. Taylor, of Pennsylvania, has proven himself the fastest man since the days of Maxey Long, and a few are of the opinion that the dark one can step along close to Long's record--17 seconds. Taylor's best race so far is 48 4-5 seconds.

At 600 yards Taylor again looms up as a record possibility, and in this event his chances are far better than in the 440. Were Taylor to get into a race with Hillman and Sheppard on a straightaway course, it seems certain that one of the trio would tumble. Bonhag's mark of one minute and eleven seconds. Sheppard has already done 1:11 3-5 outdoors, and Hillman has run as fast as 1:12 2-5 without special preparation.

Other Records in Danger. Both the half-mile and 1,000-yard records are in danger of Sheppard's great speed. The latter mark looks like pie for the Quaker boy once he gets a crack at it, under favorable conditions. That Sheppard is capable of doing the half-mile figures too, is fresh in every one's mind, from his great race at Trenton, when he just won where he ran home in 1:53 3-5--just a fifth out of the way. Then comes the mile. A list of some of the best with their fastest races shows: Haskins 4:20 3-5; Cohn, 4:21; Rodgers, 4:22 4-5; Lewis, 4:23; Cohn, 4:23; Sullivan, 4:23 4-5; Lightbody, 4:24.

To hold his title this year Champion Fred Rodgers will have to put out some real running. On paper Haskins looks the most likely to approach Cennett's mark, but the whole lot will bear watching, especially Lightbody who has never been run off his feet since he entered the list of good ones. Haskins claims that all Lightbody needs to run 4:15 is good condition and pace fast enough. It is doubtful if there ever was a time before in American athletic history when seven men were running under 4:25.

At 1,000 yards, Taylor decides to run this summer, and the natural clash between him, Bonhag, Longboat and Nehrich results, some of the American long distance records will be in danger. Bonhag and Sheppard will probably do any smashing that is to be done, from two to five miles, while the Indian may set new records in the longer grinds. Several other athletic records are in danger this year.

announcement of a spring regatta for 1908 would undoubtedly bring out good material, and there is plenty of it at Princeton, from the class eight and fours could be selected a relay squad, and from this squad Titus could pick and train an eight fit to compete at Poughkeepsie.

Billy H. Sold to Wheatley. MEMPHIS, TENN., July 13.--The pacer, Billy H., has been sold by Carriers Ewing to Burt Wheatley and shipped to his new owner at Muncie, Ind.

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CHANGE IN SCHEDULE, NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY. Effective Sunday, June 14th, trains will leave Richmond as follows: Pot Norfolk, 6:00 A. M.; 9:30 A. M.; 3:00 P. M.; 7:25 P. M. Week days; 8:10 A. M.; 1:00 P. M.; 7:25 P. M.; Sundays. For Lynchburg, the West and Southwest, 9:00 A. M.; 12:10 noon and 9:00 P. M. Week days; 8:10 A. M.; 12:10 noon and 9:00 P. M. Sundays. For arrivals in Richmond, see schedule in another column.

D. H. BOSLEY, District Passenger Agent.

Titus Says Tiger Oarsmen Are Anxious to Compete at Poughkeepsie.

NEW YORK, July 13.--Constance S. Titus reports that Princeton, whose oarsmen he has been coaching, will send a crew to Poughkeepsie within two years' time. The Tigers are eager to be represented in the great annual regatta, as rowing is the only branch of athletics in which they do not compete. Contrary to the opinions first held on the subject, the athletic authorities there think that rowing will keep the football players and basketball men in good condition throughout the spring, where otherwise the same men, not engaged in any athletic pastime at this season, would lose condition.

Coach Titus hopes to bring about the development of varsity crew through the development of class crews. The

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